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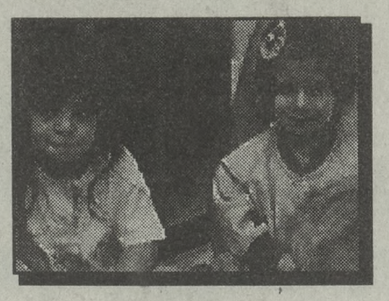

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CAMPUS SCENE

MUSIC RECITAL HALL

The Campus Concert Series presents Kathleen Mcintosh Adams playing the harpsichord on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. and the New American String Quartet on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m.

MONARCH STADIUM

The Monarch football team takes on West Los Angeles College on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

SWIMMING POOL

The men's water polo team challenges Chaffey College on Friday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. and Fullerton on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m.
The women's water polo team challenges Fullerton on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

MONARCH HALL

Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Delta Sigma Chapter is sponsoring the First Annual Halloween Family Fun Festival on Friday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CAMPUS CENTER

Breast health and cancer clinics will be held in the Fireside Room on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

TRANSFER CENTER

Representatives from UCLA will be available by appointment on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, please call (818) 778-0332.

POLICE WATCH

October 14
A vehicle was key-scratched in lot H.

October 15
A car was stolen from lot A between 8 a.m. and noon.

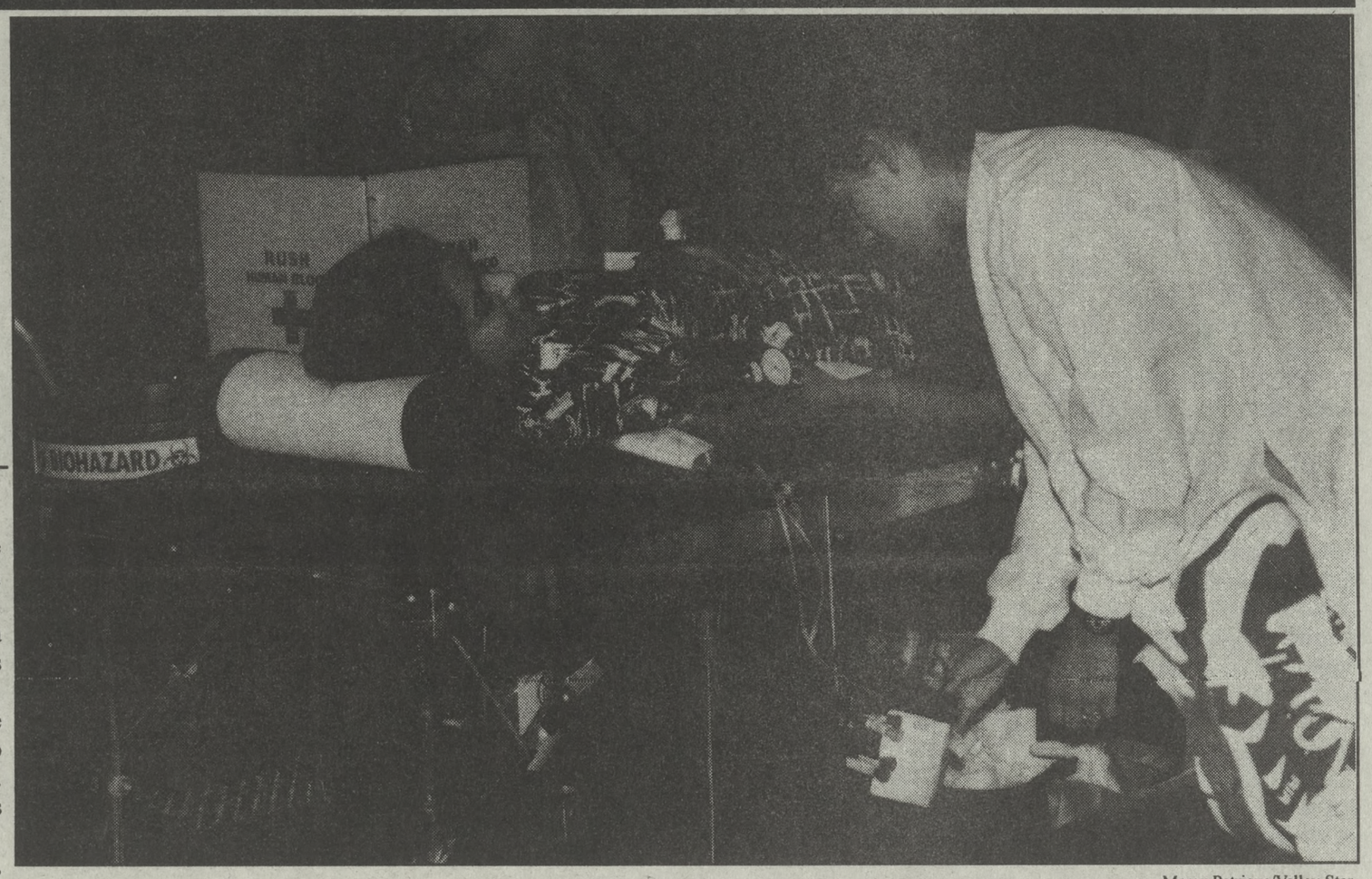
October 18
A police radio was stolen from an officer after the homecoming game. Students are warned that anyone caught with the radio could be brought up on felonly charges.

October 20
A blue 1989 Honda Civic was stolen from lot B.

October 22
A 1988 Toyota Camry was stolen from lot B between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Information provided by Campus Police.

Drive Saves 328



Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

A Valley College student donates blood during the two day blood drive in Monarch Hall on October 14 , 15.

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

Valley College student Mike Thomas turned his head away from the needle as it penetrated his arm. Slowly the blood drained into a sanitized bag. Twenty minutes later four lives were saved.

"I was walking by and I saw the sign, I thought it would be cool to donate some blood," Thomas said. "I hope I helped save someone's life.

"Not only will one life be saved, but thanks to 82 people donating blood 328 lives will be saved," Pam Eisenberg, American Red Cross representative said.

Valley College and American Red Cross sponsored the two day blood drive October 14, and 15. The majority of the donors were students who were walking by and volunteered to donate blood.

Eisenberg said the 82 pints of blood collected will be used for cancer patients, babies and children with severe infections, accident victims and surgery patients in local hospitals.

Not everyone who showed up to donate blood was allowed to donate. The reasons varied but no one was turned away carelessly Eisenberg said.

"To donate blood you have to be in general good health, free of drug use, and weigh 110 pounds," Eisenberg said.

"We encourage everyone to donate blood. If they are unable to donate this time for minor health reasons, they can go to their local American Red Cross and donate when they are well."

Valley student Carolina Higuera waited a year to donate blood. "I was too young the last time they came now I'm excited and nervous," Higuera said. "I always hear about blood shortages and hospitals needing blood and I want to do my part"

Higuera tested. 'low blood iron' and was not able to donate blood. She was encouraged to see her physician. Higuera walked away a little disappointed saying, "I'll try again."

This was the second blood drive on campus this year. In February 64 people donated blood, saving 256 lives. Although some students had signed-up in February for the October blood drive, the majority of the donors were walk-ins Eisenberg said.

"For a campus your size you get a lot of student support. CSUN and UCLA had less student support for their campus size," Eisenberg said."Valley students should be proud."

KIIS FM Radio Station was on campus Oct. 14, supporting students who donated blood by giving them KIIS FM t-shirts.

"The most precious gift that any human can give another human is the chance to live, that's what those 82 blood donors did," Eisenberg said.

Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

Peter Santana acts as a caboose for the Latinos For Higher Education float. The float one first place at the homecoming parade.

Court Crowned

By NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Valley's homecoming festivities started during half-time and ended at the after party on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The winners of the homecoming court were announced at the after party. Nick Pellegrini was named Homecoming king; Jessica Dollarhide was named queen. Dwayne Landry was choosen as the sophomore prince, and Barbara Seals was chosen sophomore princess. Alberto Mendoza won for freshman prince; and Gabriela Gonzales won freshman princess.

The overall theme for Homecoming night was Island Paradise. Floats were judged on originality, as well as the reflection of the theme.

The float "Puerto Rico-La Isla Del Encanto" from Latinos for Higher Education received first place and received a $150 prize. Second place and a $100 prize went to Phi Theta Kappa for their float "Luau Island of Volcanoes." Tau Alpha Epsilon won third place and a $50 prize for their float "Island Paradise."

Other floats at homecoming were from the Astronomy Club, "Shooting for the Island Star," the Jewish Students League's "Beaching it with Betty," and the Black Students Union's float, "A trip back to mother land."

During half-time performances were given by the marching band from Van Nuys High School, and Valley's Hip Hop Dance Troop

The Alumni Dancers could not perform during half-time because the other performances went into over time. They danced along with other students at the after-party dance.

Student Charged With Campus Sex Crimes

By LINDA E. THOMAS
STAR REPORTER

Criminal charges, including sexual battery and lewd conduct, have been filed against a Valley College student for alleged actions on campus, police said Tuesday.

The student, David A. Quinn, 20, has been charged with two counts of sexual battery, one count of simple battery and two counts of lewd conduct, Deputy City Attorney John Rock said Wednesday. The charges are misdemeanors, he said.

Quinn's arraignment has been set for Oct. 28 at the Van Nuys Municipal Court, where Quinn is expected to enter his plea, Rock said.

"The evidence was sufficient to file charges and the evidence present makes him culpable," Rock said.

Sanctions Quinn faces for the charges are: up to a $2000 fine and/or up to six months in jail for each count of sexual battery and simple battery; and up to a $1000 fine and/or up to six months in jail for each count of lewd behavior, Rock said.

"They are pretty severe sanctions," Rock said. "It's tough."

Additionally, Quinn may be required to register as a sex offender, Rock said.

"In some instances, they do require sex offender registration with the state of California and the local police departments in the area in which the offender lives so they can keep track of him," Rock said. "That is, once he's convicted."

Detective Sean Mahoney, of the Los Angeles Police Department Sex Crime Unit in Van Nuys, submitted Quinn's case for prosecution Oct. 6.

"He has been since notified of a voluntary appearance," Mahoney said. "If he does not show up, then a warrant will be issued for his arrest."

Quinn was taken into custody by the Valley College Police Sept. 16 after reports of sexual assault and lewd conduct toward female students. The alleged incidents reported included a sexual assault near the Business Journalism Building, another sexual assault in a classroom and lewd conduct on campus.

After Quinn was taken into custody, he was personally identified by the three victims and an instructor, Officer Michael Habicht of Valley College police said.

"The victims declined to make a citizen's arrest," Habicht said.

Quinn was not arrested and was released into the custody of his father that day, Habicht said.

"The time to arrest him is when the suspect is standing there," LAPD Detective Harry Hollywood said. "The victims had the opportunity to place the person under arrest. It was their option. From what I can see, they did not choose to do that. They had the suspect right there in front of them. That's the most appropriate time to arrest him. Now we're playing catch-up. That's the whole problem with this kind of thing."

Rock said that 97 percent of the victims in these types of crimes are female.

"Not to be politically incorrect, but it's a 'he' crime," Rock said. "There's a large number of women who recant or renege after the charges are filed, so it can be difficult to prosecute. But, the case will go forward with or without victim cooperation. You don't have to have flesh and bone at trial to convict. The evidence can convict. The victims' cooperation is not essential."

Mahoney said that he believes at least one of the victims will cooperate for the trial.

Habicht said that Quinn was behaving in a disturbed manner at the time he was detained at the Valley College police station.

"This guy was just out of it," Habicht said. "I'm not a doctor, but I think it was drugs or mental illness or both. His dad said he used LSD in the past and might have been having a reaction. He said he would take him to get medical treatment."

Dean of Students Yasmin Delahoussaye suspended Quinn immediately until further notice, she said.

Attempts to contact Quinn for comment have been unsuccessful.

Functioning Pot Heads:

Are They Living up to Their Potential?

BY DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Why do some people think they can roll through life high?

Pot smokers all over claim that they can function as well and in some cases better when they are high.

"Yeh, like when I take a test, I always make sure to smoke out first," one Valley College student said, "I always do better."

This student has a 2.0 GPA.

There are those, I'm sure, who feel that they really can focus on the task at hand better while they are high.

But what if that task were interrupted by an emergency of some kind? Could this person then change their focus to the task at hand and perform? I wonder.

Marijuana is a drug. Like alcohol, it deadens and dulls the senses and kills brain cells. It is not harmless.

There are many arguments for the recreational use of marijuana. However, truth be told, it is not considered to be a healthy substance.

It is natural. It is less assaulting to the senses than alcohol. Its byproduct, hemp, can be very useful to society, but a stoned individual isn't.

Just to make myself clear, I am speaking of those individuals who leave the safety of their homes and conduct life's business while under the influence and those who drive while under the influence.

These people may be putting human lives at risk.

True, there are no statistics for automobile accidents related to marijuana, but face it, since warning labels are put on bottled medications, legalized marijuana would most certainly fall under this catagory.

There are at least 10.1 million current marijuana smokers, according to the Department of Health's preliminary results of the 1996 Household Survey on Drug Abuse. That is 4.7 percent of America's population over 12-years-old.

Frequent users reported smoking marijuana at least once a week.

This group represents about 2.8 percent of America's population over 12, some 6.1 million people. What a waste of potential!

Carlos Mendoza/Valley Star

I know, those who get high would like to convince me that they can function just fine and would point out all the successful people they know who partake of the plants fruit.

But are these successful people doing brain surgery high? Could they?

Do these successful folks do something outside of the entertainment industry?

Do they run heavy machinery while stoned? Would you want your dentist drilling your teeth while high?

Could we call our teachers responsible adults if they came into class loaded?

I cannot dispute the use of marijuana for medicinal use or even for clinical depression.

These uses have proven to be helpful and allow the user to regulate their own dose, maintaining a more sober lifestyle than if they were taking pain killers or anti-depressants.

I can even understand why some individuals use the herb for spiritual reasons, feeling that if they are under the influence they can somehow focus more clearly on their personal diety or nature.

The problem is that this use would really qualify as recreational use and one would wonder how often this type of communion is necessary.

One could see that there is the occasional responsible citizen who stays in their humble abode, smokes a little pot to relax in front of the television or computer and understands that this type of activity is best left at home.

The problem is, these folks seem to be rare.

Is it a coincidence that those who smoke a lot of pot are living in a place of life in which a friend could leave and come back ten years later just to find this person is still in the same place, doing the same dead-end job with little room for advancement?

Is is a coincidence that their lives seem to have little room for advancement?

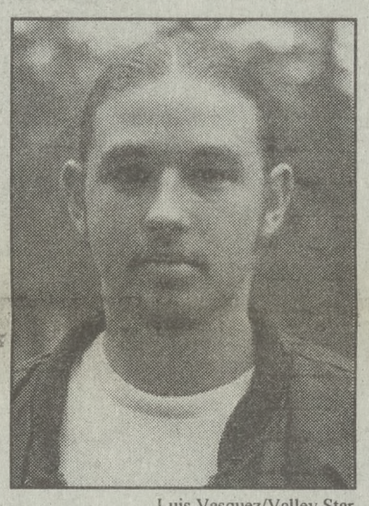
How can anyone claim to be able to live up to their potential when they are high?

Can Someone Get High and Still Function?

Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

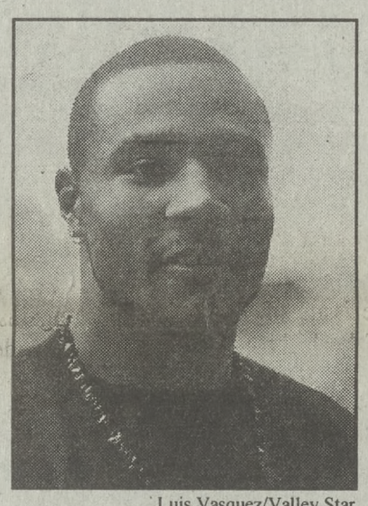
"We were just talking about drinking which is the same thing. It makes them do stupid. All they do is look for trouble, that's what I think."

Janis Ambriz



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"As we reach the new millennium, we have to understand that everyone has a love affair with drugs; whether it's Tylenol or pot everyone needs drugs. You can fucntion on mild stimulants like coffee or pot." ***James Kramer***



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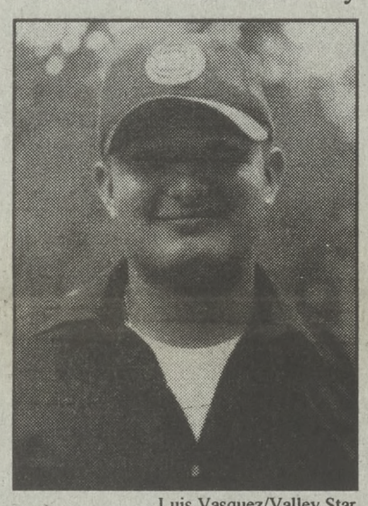
"Not for myself, but other people can probably function on weed. It depends what kind of person you are. If you're an ambitious person, you'll stay ambitious. If you're lazy, you'll stay lazy."

Jamiar Barbour



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"It depends on how some people handle their high, but going to class stoned, I don't think it's right. Some people when they're high don't function, but some are more alert."

David Tamariz

Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"I don't think you can function on pot, 'cause you're not in the right state of mind to work or go to school, but if you were that dedicated to school, you wouldn't be smoking that much pot in the first place." ***Serina Uchitel***

The Right to Die: Should We Have It?

BY KIM BARNES
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

How many times in the past few years have we heard abut assisted suicides in the news? How many times have we thought we would be able to help someone we love end their life? I know this question sounds depressing, however, it could happen to you.

Assisted suicide is a hot topic these days, both politically and morally. Politically because lawmakers have the arduous task of deciding if assisted suicide is illegal. The moral issue is more complex because it deals with how individuals feel about life, quality of life, death and right vs. wrong.

In my opinion, the terminally ill have the right to decide when they have suffered enough and no longer want to live. They should have the right to end their life however and whenever they choose.

However, asking someone (be it a doctor or family member) to help them is an entirely different story.

First of all, doctors take a Hippocratic oath to heal the sick and save lives, not end them. If a doctor is unable to heal or cure a terminally ill patient, then it is their responsibility to make them as comfortable as possible.

In my opinion, at no time should a doctor terminate or help to terminate a patient's life.

Secondly, I don't believe a family member or friend should be burdened with the task of helping someone commit suicide.

It's unfair to ask someone to take responsibility for an act that is so final. We can never be sure of how much, if any, psychological trauma this may cause a person.

Although the person may believe they are doing exactly what the ill person wants by helping them end their suffering, the psychological fallout from such an act is unknown.

I hate to think that someone may suffer from extreme guilt and psychological pain for the rest of their life because they did what they thought was right at the time.

As I've expressed in this article, there are many things to consider when one thinks about assisted suicide.

We should consider the feelings of those that are suffering and find a way to make their life more comfortable during the time they have left.

We should consider some sort of counseling for those that are contemplating helping a loved one, or those who helped a loved one to end their life.

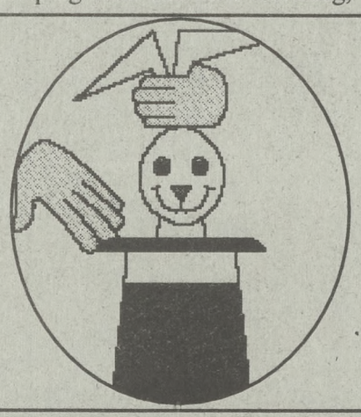
In addition, we should not allow doctors (like Jack Kevorkian) to get away with helping the terminally ill end their lives.

Like I stated earlier, the Hippocratic oath stresses healing not killing.

What's The Deal With That?

When you drop buttered bread on the floor, how come it always lands buttered side down?

Why do people who call the store from the comfort of their home get faster service than the ones who get in their car, drive down and stand in line?



How come things that read healthy for you on the label have a serving size that wouldn't feed a mouse?

One size fits all?

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Editorial: Violence and Violation an Increasing Problem

Statistics can tell us a great deal about our learning and working environment, but they paint only part of the picture.

Every 45 seconds an act of violence is committed in the United States but we that violence doesn't seem real to us.

Statistics tell us random acts of violence occur every 60 seconds on campuses across the nation but they cannot translate the fear, anger and inconveniences it causes students. For that information we rely on the incidents that students report.

Imagine walking in a crowded corridor when suddenly someone grabs your butt. You turn to see fellow students engrossed in conversation but you have no clue to the perpetrator's identity so you don't say anything. Although it seems like a minor incident, you are left feeling violated.

Everyday we hear about the violence in our communities. When we arrive at work or school we want to feel safe. We park our vehicles in lots which are patrolled hourly, yet students' vehicles are burglarized or stolen during the daytime.

Who are the perpetrators? We can only speculate. The burglaries seem to be random acts of violence aimed at victims who leave their doors unlocked or their windows down.

Then there are those incidents, accidental or not, which violate us as individuals. In either case, students are victimized and left feeling helpless.

Several Valley College students have experienced situations in which they were violated. From burglarized vehicles to all forms of harassment, these acts of violence are real. Students express displeasure in being violated and want to know what they can do to empower themselves.

First we must all realize that we live in a society where statistics tell us acts of violence occur frequently. We have to close our windows and lock our doors. Please, use your club or alarm or any other extra means of protection. Burglars want easy access to your vehicle because it makes them less visible.

Next, realize that at college we are in an environment where we are going to experience some form or level of conflict. But never allow yourself to be violated.

If someone grabs your butt, that is harassment. Try to find out who did it and make some noise. If the perpetrator is grabbing on you, they are probably grabbing on other students. Since no one is making noise about it they keep on victimizing students. On the other hand, when someone accidentally bumps into you and irresponsibly forgets to apologize, don't cause a scene but politely let them know they are excused. And remember what comes around goes around.

Random acts of violence happen to both men and women. Don't set yourself up to be victimized. Never allow harassment to go unreported. If a student is bothering you tell the student to leave you alone and if they persist inform the campus police.

Minor incidents go unnoticed because students feel they are too petty to report. Use judgement in reporting incidents. If someone is bothering you, they're probably bothering someone else.

Church/State Debaters Unevenly Matched

By ANGELA LUSSIER
STAR REPORTER

The debate on separation of church and state, while interesting, was an embarrassment for Celeste Greig, Vice President of the California Republican Assembly.

Edward Tabash, Esq., Legal Committee Chair of American's United for Separation of church and state on the other hand, was articulate and informative.

On the agenda were four issues: Prayer in school, the voucher program, textbook wars, and family values.

David Baldwin/Valley Star

From left to right, Tabash, moderator Tom Yacovone, and Greig

As far as I'm concerned, it was almost a clean sweep for Tabash. The only issue Greig had any valid arguments for was the voucher program.

Greig argued for the right of all parents to be allowed to choose the best schools for their children. Tabash's response contained mostly of scare tactics: The establishment of fly by night schools, and those that inflict stringent religious doctrine on children.

As far as the other issues are concerned, Greig came off more like an old school, bible thumping, spewer of the Christian party line, than an informed debater. When asked about homosexuality, she made reference to the creation of "Adam & Eve - not Adam & Steve." She further argued (even though stating she had gay friends with aids) that homosexuals are "not valuable," and are so deviant that she doesn't even consider them a legitimate alternative lifestyle.

In fact, every time she was asked to justify the fundamentalist view, her answer was, "that's what the bible says." Never did she engage in any real spiritual dialogue, or discuss why the government should have a role in the moral development of its citizens.

Tabash was clear on this issue when he stated, "The USA was founded on a covenant with immigrants... that there would be equal expression for all, no intrusion of religion in this land, and neither will the states block or assist in development of religious pursuit."

The only argument Greig had for this was that the term separation of Church and state does not appear anywhere on the US constitution and that it is included in the constitution of the USSR. Guilt by association is the fallacy we are asked to buy into.

The fact is, as Tabash pointed out, is that the spirit of separation of church and state is expressed so clearly in the first amendment that the specific wording would be redundant.

On the issue of textbook wars, Tabash brought up Galileo as an example of what happens when the church interferes with scientific teachings. The incongruity of what science proves, or at least theorizes, with what the church teaches can be a good exercise in philosophical free thinking; unless the church prohibits that information from being passed on. It was a long time before the masses learned the truth about earths rotation around the sun.

Greig argued that creationism should then be taught along side the theory of evolution. This would not be a problem if all religions believed the same creation story. They do not.

More on family values: Tabash repeated a statement made by Pat Robertson, that he wanted to be the "Kingmaker."

It is Robertson's goal that the Christian Coalition chooses the next president. This should be a scary statement to any thinking individual.

Tabash reiterated time and again the consequences for women if the church becomes even more involved with the running - or ruining of this country.

Greig's answer to this was that she "knows of no organization that discriminates against women."

Other funny answers Greig had were "if you don't like the fact that the word God appears on currency, then don't use it." and "Freedom of speech is the right for Americans to speak against religion."

She made it sound like hey, we're the status quo, live with it. If you don't like it you can talk about it but you shouldn't have the right to try to change it.

Some may find Tabash's organization's demand for the removal of the word GOD from all currency, a little over the top, given that most religions accept the term to describe their "superior being."

His argument for this is that there is no role in government to either support one's religious belief, or to hinder it, and that atheists should be given the same consideration.

As a christian, albeit a liberal one, I found offense at the ignorant sheep like statements Greig made. At one point she said that even though incest is evil, it was ok between Adam & Eve's children because it "got the ball rolling." A more intelligent Christian answer would have been, "that happened after the fall, hence we are all born into sin and you can take that literally or metaphorically"

I feel a strong connection to God through christian beliefs.

I ultimately chose this path because of my country's culture and the comfort I found through the concept of Jesus. However, I don't believe God left the rest of the world deaf, dumb and blind.

There are as many paths to God and or "spiritual fulfillment" as there are people in the world. My Bible says "judge not, lest ye be judged."

If we forget that, and allow any religion to instill its subjective laws, then we run the risk of joining the likes of countries that find their ruin in holy war.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases - *A Quiz*

True or False...

1. I can't get an STD if I don't have intercourse.
2. All types of birth control will protect me from STD's.
3. The most common STDs on college campuses is genital warts.
4. AIDS is not a problem on college campuses.
5. Viral STD's (like genital worts and herpes) can't be cured.
6. Condoms provide 100% protection from HIV.
7. All STD's have symptoms.
8. If I get an STD, I'll never be able to have sex again - ever.
9. Women are at greater risk for STDs than men.
10. You can only have one STD at a time

STD's Are You Safe?

By REBECCA FOWLER
AND LEO SMITH
STAR REPORTERS

You may think there you know all there is to know about sexually transmitted diseases, but your knowledge is probably based more on fiction than on fact. Embarrassing as it may seem sexually transmitted diseases are out there whether we talk about them or not.

Students often are uncomfortable talking to their physician or health - care provider which may keep them from learning the real facts about STDs. Ignorance and fear can only hurt you.

If you think you are not at risk, think again. More than eight million people under the age of 25 have an STD, according to the Gallup survey.

College students often assume they are immune to or smart enough to avoid these diseases. However, the sheer number of STDs drastically increases their chances of catching one.

Popular misconceptions concerning the transmission of STDs are often as dangerous as the disease itself. Ignorance is bliss, if you don't mind the constant itching and burning.

There exists a preconception that the most infamous STD, AIDS, is not present on college campuses. That is patently false. Some 500 students a year enter with the disease or are infected at college. Though that number seems relatively low, if you enjoy Russian roulette, unprotected sex may be right up your alley.

Though the presence of AIDS is relatively low on campuses, the human papillomavirus (HPV), commonly known as genital warts, more than makes up for the other's absence. Nearly 9% of all college students are infected with one or more of the 80 flavors of HPV, a "healthy" percentage of collegians.

The most frightening aspect of genital warts is in it's ease of transmission. Condoms, dental dams, diaphrams etc. offer little protection from a virus that is transmitted simply through touch. Save from the ever popular concept of abstinence, it is all too easy to contract genital warts.

The bad news is, no cure exists for either AIDS or HPV. The good news is that HPV can be medically controlled. Yet even then, transmission is still a strong possibility.

The best way to protect yourself is to be well informed. As trite as that sounds, it is the truth. Please contact the STD Hotline at (800) 227-8922 for more information or stop by the Student Health Center in the Women's gym.

What's Your Opinion?

The Valley Star would love to receive and if possible, publish your letters. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations.

Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number.

Letters may be left with the Valley Star at BJ 114 by Friday morning for the following Thursday.

Also, look for our mailboxes attached to three of our yellow news stands, or send E-mail to Wordmker@ aol.com.

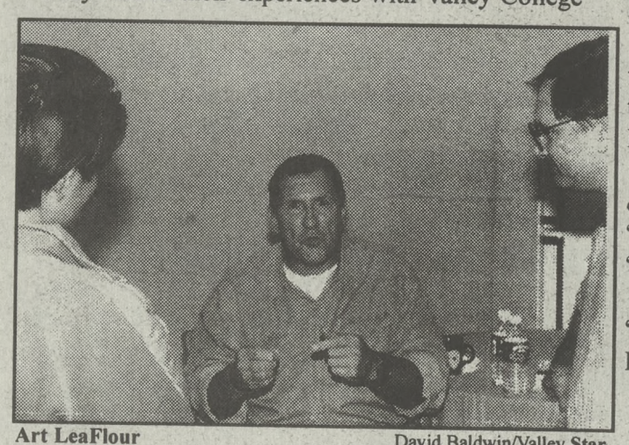
Actors Encourage Students to Pursue Their Hollywood Dreams

By DAVID BALDWIN
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Three working actors visited the Broadcasting 5 and 45 classes in Humanities 114 on Wednesday.

Charles Cyphers, Art LaeFlour and Brendan Burns took time from their own busy lives to share their experiences. The common message was that acting is not all glamour and that acting is a job you really have to put a great deal of effort into.

They shared their experiences with Valley College students preparing for careers in entertainment. They told stories and offered helpful hints toward becoming actors, directors or writers. As students looked on, each question was answered in relation to whether it concerned the film, television, or theater industry.



Art LeaFlour David Baldwin/Valley Star

Teacher Betty Ballow invited the three actors to share their experiences to assist her students in the preparation for a possible career in the world of entertainment. Ballow is one of many teachers at Valley College who do more than the minimum required to assist students in preparing for their future.

Brendan Burns said, "I enjoyed it thoroughly. I thought there was a lot of energy in the room. I thought the questions were very intelligent. I think Betty has a very solid class in this group.

Burns has appeared on television in "The Young & The Restless," "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman," "Dark Justice," "McClain's Law," "Code Red," "The Runaways," and many others.

He has also worked in motion pictures such as "Raise the Titanic," "St. Helens," "The Nickel Ride," "Uncommon Valor," and others. In motion

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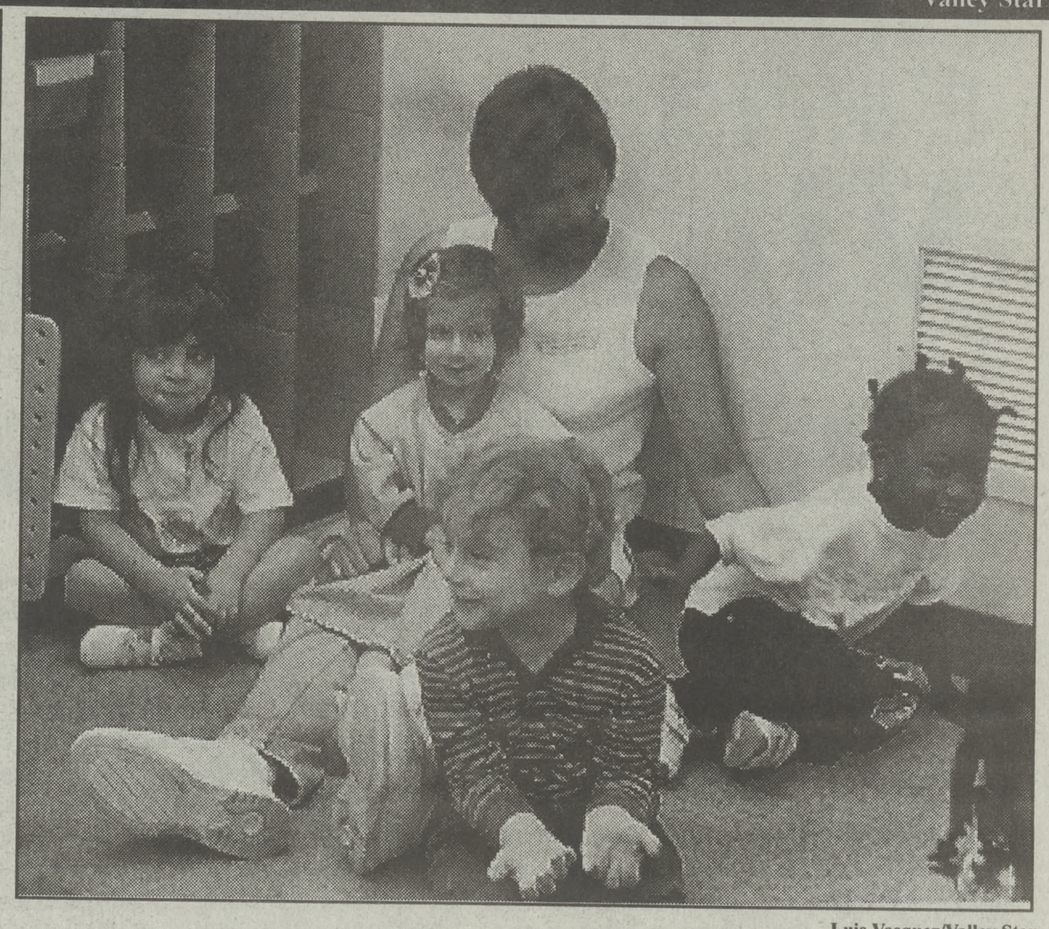

Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

Children may lose their daycare services because of the expected changes beginning January 1, 1998.

On the Road to Citizenship

By CARMEN PINTO
STAR REPORTER

Groups of people from Mexico, Central America, Asia, the Middle East, Philippines, Africa, and Eastern Europe currently residing in the United States have acquired legal rights for some type of immigration status. Perhaps they have married a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (one who holds a green card), or have lived in the U.S. for a long period of time and, have qualified for residency under the amnesty programs.

Non-citizens are identified as aliens under immigration law. Immigration law defines each person's eligibility to live in the U.S.

Immigrants are encouraged to become naturalized U.S. citizens. Candidates for citizenship must be at least 18 years of age, have been a lawful permanent resident for five years, and be a lawful permanent resident for three years if married to a U.S. citizen.

Three of the most important benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen include the right to vote in all local, state, and national elections; the right to apply for jobs within the federal government, state and local law enforcement agencies; and the right to file a petition to bring family or relatives to this country.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and

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Daycare For Low Income Students In For Changes

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

When Maria Cardenas looks at her future as a nurse she only sees one problem: her husband.

Cardenas receives subsidized child care at the Campus Child Care Center. After January 1, because of new welfare reform rules, her husband's income may be too high to receive help. This would mean would have to pay $20 a day for her daughter, Vanessa, to receive child care.

"I don't think we would make it," Cardenas said, "We already applied for financial aid for our other daughter, Natalie, to go to the after school program at the elementary school and that still costs $160 a month"

Cardenas worries that the changes will prevent her from becoming a nurse.

As of January 1, the name of Aid to Families with Dependent Children will be changed to Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) and low-income families that previously qualified for some subsidized services like medical benefits, food stamps or child care will no longer qualify for aid.

"Governor Wilson wants to help those who are in the lowest income range and there just isn't enough money for everyone," said Larry Merkle Director at the Campus Child Care Center.

Families like Cardenas' are barely making it without food stamps and medical, but Maria says that her nurse's salary would certainly bring them out of the low-income level and provide them with medical benefits. There was a time though, when Cardenas and her husband, Carlos, felt they would not make it without some kind of help.

Four years ago, Cardenas gave birth to her youngest daughter, Vanessa. She was laid off from work and her husband's income was just not enough to support them all.

"We went and applied for help," Cardenas said. "But they told me no, because his income was $1 more than what they had estimated would qualify. Can you believe that, one dollar!"

Cardenas says her family had a very hard year. She says she will never forget that time in her life.

Cardenas says having one child in pre-school and another in Kindergarden can be very hard. Right now, Natalie's afterschool daycare costs are reduced. She hopes that after Jan. 1, she will still

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ENTERTAINMENT

"Playing God," What a Ride!

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

If you like the same tired plot of gangster punk versus Mr. minding his own business shoot-em-up movie, then Touchtone's "Playing God" is something you want to see.

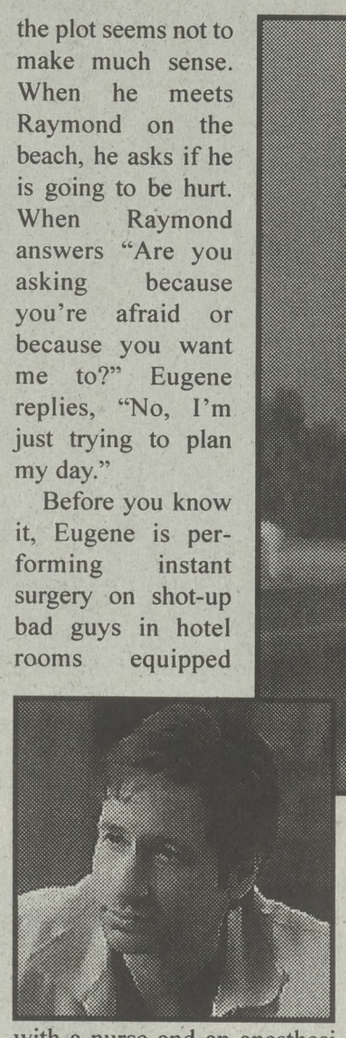
The film begins with good guy ex-doctor Eugene (David Duchovny) buying pharmaceutical heroin at some dive underground club. Right away, this scene appears tired and overused, but writer Mark Haskell Smith throws a little excitement into the scene by tossing in a couple of Russian thugs who blow away some unsuspecting henchmen of a local gangster named Raymond (Timothy Hutton.)

This catapults Eugene into a roller coaster ride through gangsterville. The young ex-doctor saves the henchman and impresses Raymond's beautiful girlfriend, Claire (Angelina Jolie).

The next thing Eugene knows, he wakes up from a heroin trip in the back of a Jeep headed toward the beach.

The good doctor has several clever one-liners in this movie, thrown in at the moments when the plot seems not to make much sense. When he meets Raymond on the beach, he asks if he is going to be hurt. When Raymond answers "Are you asking because you're afraid or because you want me to?" Eugene replies, "No, I'm just trying to plan my day."

Before you know it, Eugene is performing instant surgery on shot-up bad guys in hotel rooms equipped

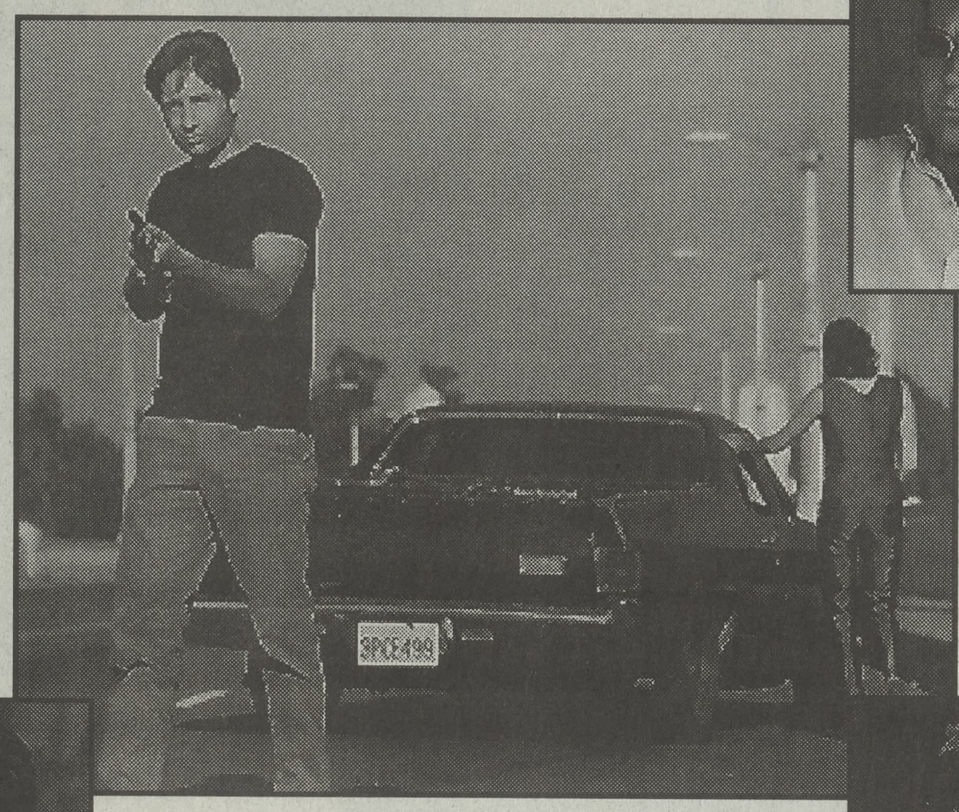


with a nurse and an anesthesiologist. Yeah, all gangsters have these connections.

The FBI soon gets involved in Eugene's life and coerces him into helping them to bust Raymond and his potential Chinese gangster associate. FBI agent Gage (Michael Massee) is a worn-out, poorly cast character. Gage is the typical hard-nosed straight FBI man, only waiting for the big bust.

There are a lot of thug vs. thug shootouts which give the doctor plenty of work, but leave the plot crying for better writing.

The old lover's triangle between Claire, Eugene and Raymond is totally predictable and the end of the movie has few surprises, making you feel like you've seen it before. However, Hutton and Duchovny make it a watchable movie due to their acting prowess. It might be a good idea to wait for it to come out on video, though. It shouldn't be long.



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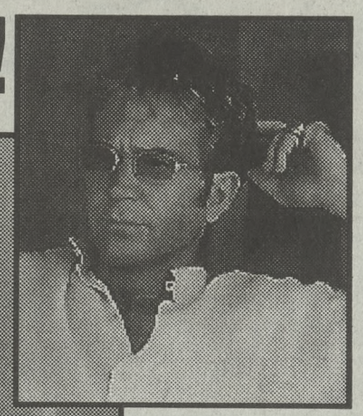
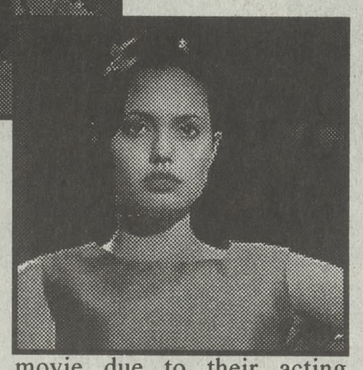




David Duchovny (bottom left), Angelina Jolie (bottom right) and Timothy Hutton (above) star as Dr. Eugene Sands, Claire and Raymond Blossom in Buena Vista's "Playing God."

Giving a Piece of Their Minds

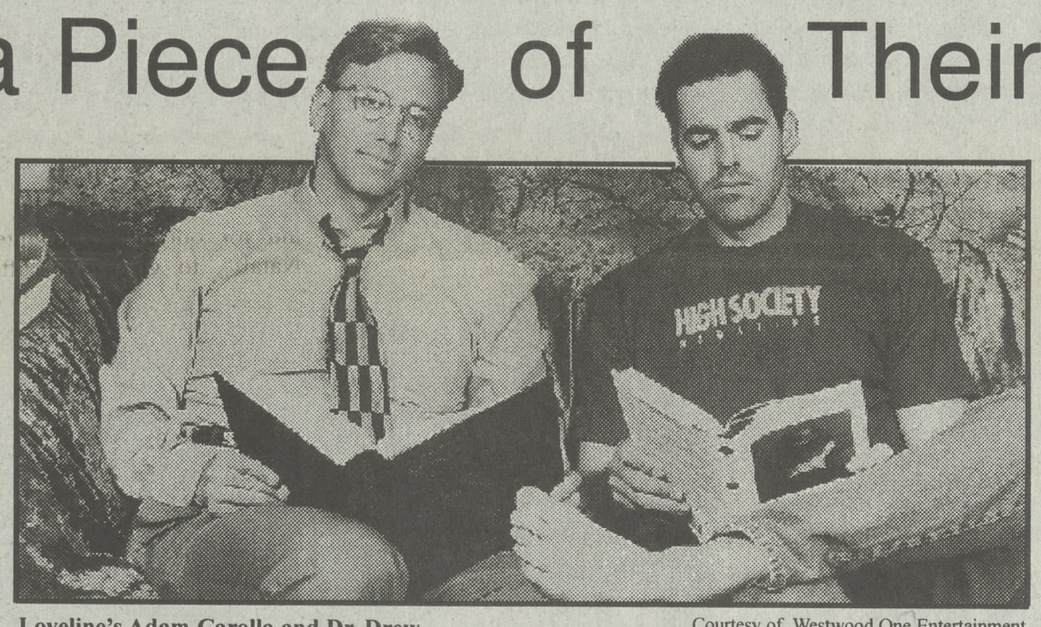
By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

College students have many questions about life. Where do they go when faced with such questions? Who is the right person to give them the right advice? But most important of all, how do they find a person who knows exactly what they're talking about?

Dr. Drew Pinsky, certified physician, and Adam Carolla, entertainer, are two people who many college students run to for advice.

Drew and Carolla are available for advice on "Loveline."

"Loveline" is a show in which Drew and Carolla answer questions about sex, marriage, drugs and family problems. It airs five nights a week on KROQ and MTV.



Loveline's Adam Carolla and Dr. Drew. Courtesy of Westwood One Entertainment

Drew has been dealing with people's problems for 14 years while Carolla is in his fifth year.

Just as he was finishing medical school at Emmers College in Massachusetts, Drew was asked to help out teens who found themselves in trouble. He voluntarily did this because he thought this to be an unique way of practicing his craft.

"I did this a long time before getting paid," Drew said.

Drew currently works at a psychiatric hospital in Los Angeles where he has a private practice. He thinks that the reason why he was chosen to do the show was because of his knowledge.

Carolla's character is appealing to most "Loveline" participants.

"My job is to entertain and to help out whenever I could," Carolla said.

The hosts have different styles with only one thing in common, helping out others. Drew is a quiet laid-back host while Carolla always has something comical to add to the issues discussed.

Even though Drew is more serious about his advice, Carolla has been keeping a count on Drew's jokes. So far, on MTV, Drew has 23 jokes.

Carolla said the show's main purpose is to serve as a guideline for those in need. The show has about two million participants at night so it's hard for the hosts to get to everyone.

Drew said that one thing they've found out is that as they are helping one person with a problem, they are also helping out someone else who is listening or viewing with a similar concern.

Calendar

■ The Valley College Music Department presents the New American String Quartet in the Music Recital Hall **Oct. 30** at 11 a.m. to continue their campus concert series for the fall. The Valley College Jazz Band, directed by Woody James, will also perform in the Music Room 112 **on Nov. 6** at 11 a.m.

■ The American Cinematique presents a Halloween sci/fi horror short film event during **October**. Enjoy frightening, eerie and unclassifiable short films from the United States and around the world. For more information call (213) 466-1767.

■ The University of Southern California will host the Metropolitan Opera Western Regional **Nov. 1**. Witness the most promising young opera singers from Arizona, San Bernandino/ Riverside counties, Southern Nevada, Orange County, Los Angeles County and San Diego/Imperial counties. Tickets at the USC Cultural Events ticket office at (213) 740-7111.

Top Ten Singles

10. Semi-Charmed Life-Third Eye Blind.
9. My Love is The Shhh!-Something for The People Featuring Trina &Tamara.
8. Foolish Games/You Were Meant For Me-Jewel.
7. Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)-Backstreet Boys.
6. Honey- Mariah Carey.
5.All Cried Out-Allure Featuring 112.
4. 4 Seasons of Loneliness-Boyz II Men.
3. How Do I Live-Leann Rimes.
2. You Make Me Wanna...-Usher.
1. Candle In The Wind 1997/Something About The Way You Look Tonight-Elton John (Three Weeks).

-Billboard

Dear Angie

By ANGIE LUSSIER
STAR REPORTER

Well I'm sorry to say that Iris has left us. I'm still here and ready to respond to your issues. Remember, no problem is too big or too small to be dealt with.

I'd even be happy to hear how some of you may have solved problems on your own. Funny predicaments are welcome as well.

In addition to getting my point of view, you might be helping other fellow students who have similar problems.

Dear Angie is a forum to discuss all the issues we deal with as college students, sons, daughters, parents, siblings and human beings.

It is also a place to deal with your problems in a completely anonymous way.

The advice given in this column can be taken to heart or thrown away - better yet, as the principles of the 12 steps say, take what you will and disregard anything that doesn't apply.

God Bless, and stay strong,
Angie

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Top Ten Albums

10. A Collection Of Hits(Songbook)-Trisha Yearwood.
9. Ghetto D-Master P.
8. Aquarium-Aqua.
7. The Dance-Fleetwood Mac.
6. Butterfly-Mariah Carey.
5. Soul Food-Soundtrack.
4. Evolution-Boyz II Men.
3. You Light Up My Life (Inspirational Songs)-Leann Rimes.
2. Gang Related-Soundtrack.
1. The Velvet Rope-Janet.

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Thought of the week:

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Daycare Changes

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qualify for that reduction. Merkle said that next year, there will be more funds for this kind of help for those who qualify.

This kind of help for school aged children is provided by the Child Care Resource Center and these currently unknown amount of funds should be available to those Valley College students who qualify by fall of 1998.

"When you're a mother going to school, you're not just going there to get an education, you're going there to give your family a future." Cardenas said, "I think they should make it easier to do that. What about all those single moms? What will happen to them?"

Espie Bonilla, a human services administrator, says that TANF recipients will now have to be enrolled in the GAIN program which provides help with job training and day care costs.

There will be time restrictions and a narrower field of study that will qualify as job training.

Bonilla says those who are already in school will be considered by GAIN as self-initiated participants and will be required to be in some type of job or job training 32 hours per week.

Those new to TANF will have 18 months to go from 20 to 32 hours per week working at a job or job training program.

Bonillla says GAIN has until January 1999 to get everyone on the program.

Cardenas will not be lucky enough to get help with day care or job training.

> "Remember to keep the children first. Some people work and work and work and forget about the children."
> *-Maria Cardenas*

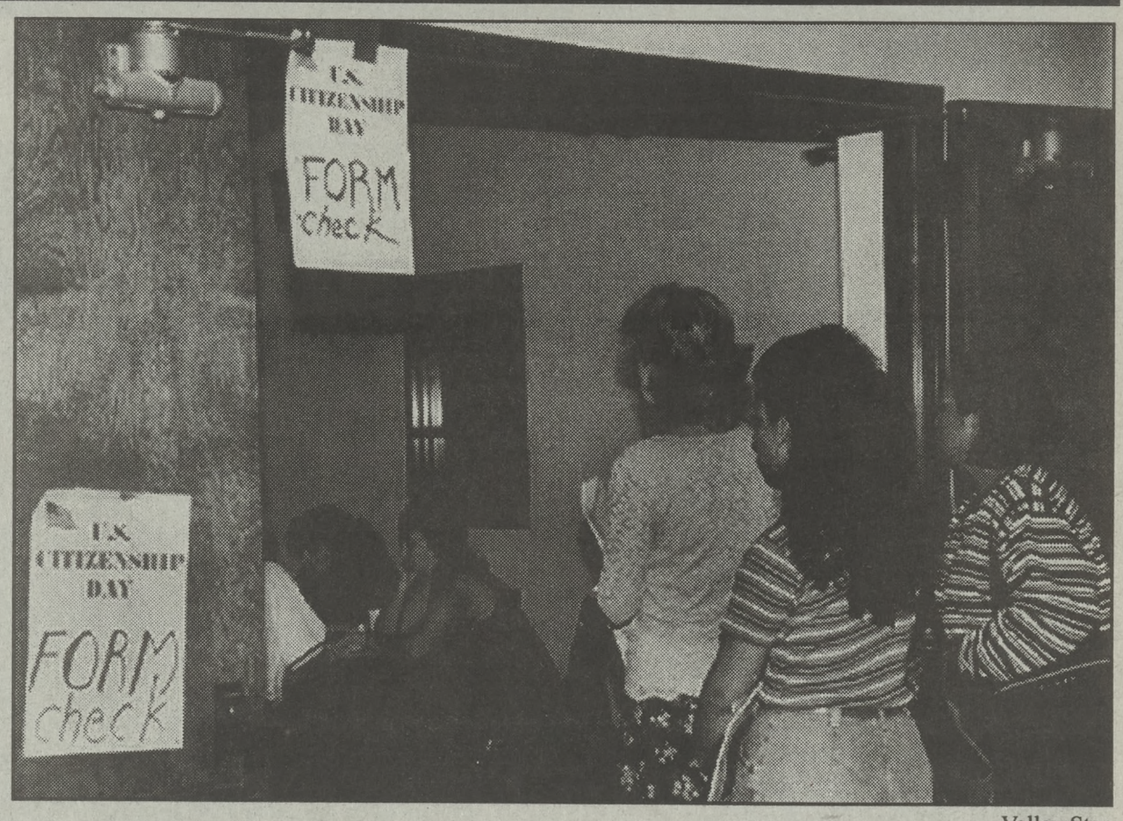
"My husband probably still only makes $1 too much," she said. She says she never thought it would be her husband's salary that would keep her from being a nurse.

When Cardenas came from Columbia as a child, she thought America would be an easy place to live and make money. She says there is opportunity, but things are not balanced. "You either need to be rich or poor," Cardenas said. "The system can make it very hard to be somewhere in the middle. The system is not working."

Cardenas has always wanted to be a nurse. When she was in high school, she was in a program that allowed a student to experiment in a chosen field. Cardenas chose nursing. Now she works part-time as a nurse's assistant. Her plate is very full. She says that helping people and being a mother are the most important things in her life. She says she can just imagine how hard it can be for a single mom when her own life is so busy and full.

Maria has some advice for the single mom.

"Remember to keep the children first," she said. "Some people work and work and work and forget about the children. Read a story, ask how was their day and show them they can trust you. I know it's hard, but if you only have 15 minutes, you have to give it to them."



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Immigrants prepare for the citizenship ceremony which was held Oct. 4, in the Citizenship Center.

CITIZENSHIP: An step for future generations

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Naturalization Service (INS) grants certain agencies and their staff authority to act before the INS and immigration courts. These representatives have the same authority as attorneys for the purpose of INS.

Valley College's Citizenship Center is one such agency. The center offers a wide variety of services to meet the needs of eligible and interested individuals. Both students and members of the community are welcomed.

Some of the free services include: ESL and citizenship classes, citizenship preparation materials and forms, official citizenship exam, assistance filling out the (N400) application, and immigration information and social service referrals. Other important services offered are fingerprinting and photographs.

The first step is to pick up an application package. Upon completion of the application and interview process, the Center holds Citizenship ceremonies on campus. Candidates must submit all documents to Valley College's Citizenship Center, rather than having to travel to the Los Angeles office.

For more information, visit the center in Bungalow 53. The phone number is (818) 781-1200, ext. 242. Remember, you donít have to be a Valley College student to take advantage of these services.

ACTORS: Talk of Making It

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picture and for television, he has appeared in "The Ordeal of Patty Hearst," "Lannigan's Rabbi," and others. He has also worked in the theater.

Art La Flour said, "It makes me feel good to talk about my profession, an art that In love. I think it is great that all these students are so interested in acting."

He has appeared in "Field of Dreams," "Cobra," "Air America," "Oscar," and several other feature films.

He has also been in "Home Improvement," "Coach," "Tales From The Crypt," and others. He appeared in several movies for television like "Sometimes I Wonder," "Testing Dirty," "Live! From Death Row," "The Penalty Phase" and more.

"It was a great experience," Cyphers said. "They had a lot of very intelligent questions." I was happy to share with the students, because there is no place to really learn and get information. It is just that people are not sharing what they know with new people, so they do not know what to do."

Cypher is currently appearing in "Nick Freno," a television series. He has appeared in theater in Los Angeles and New York.

The list of directors he has worked for is a list of who's who in the entertainment world.

He has received awards, including The Robie Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy. His work in movies of the week include "Elvis," "Little House on the Prairie," "The Executioner's Song," "Trial of Lee H. Oswald," and others.

He has worked in feature films such as "Halloween," "Halloween II," "Gray Lady Down," and more. Television shows he has worked on include "Seinfeld," "ER," "Lois and Clark," "JAG," "Murder One," "Murder She Wrote," and more.

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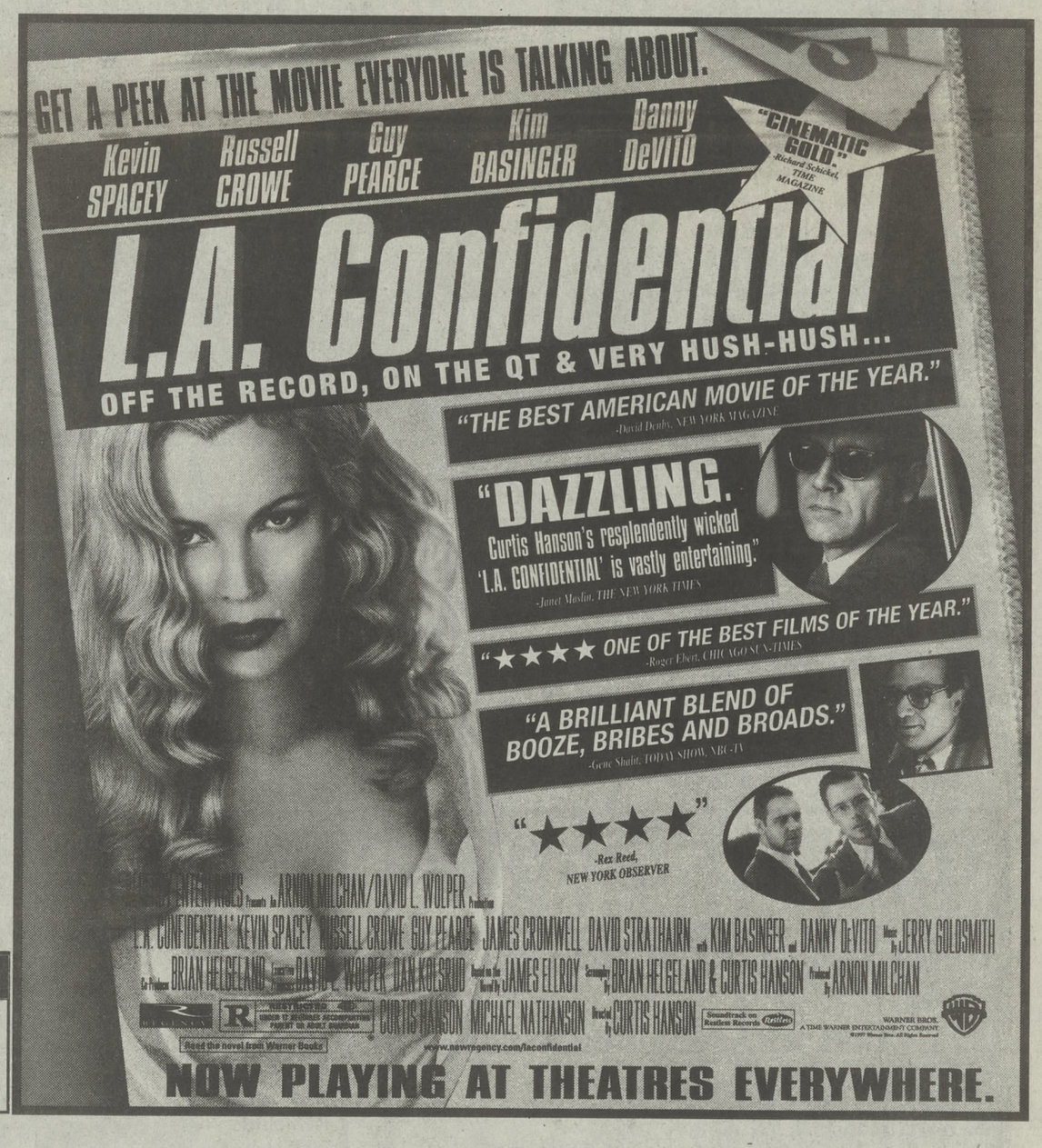
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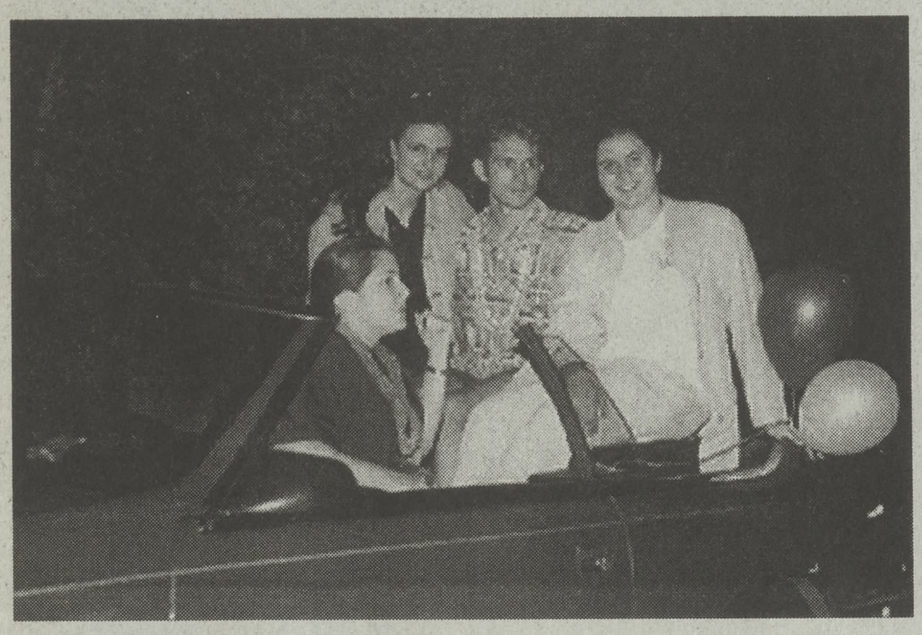

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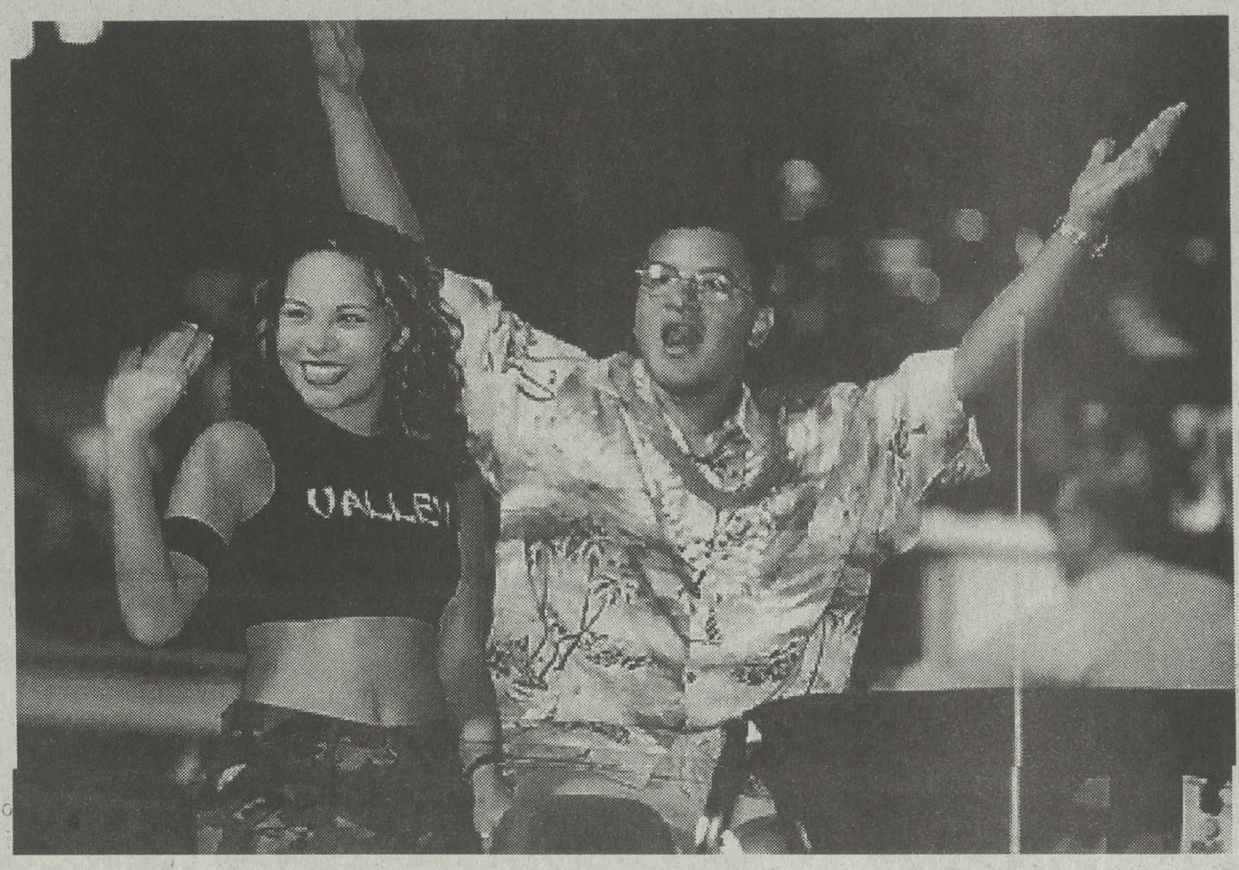
Members of the Homecoming escorted by Shelley Pasternak. Barbara Seals, Dwayne Landry, Jessica Dollarhide.



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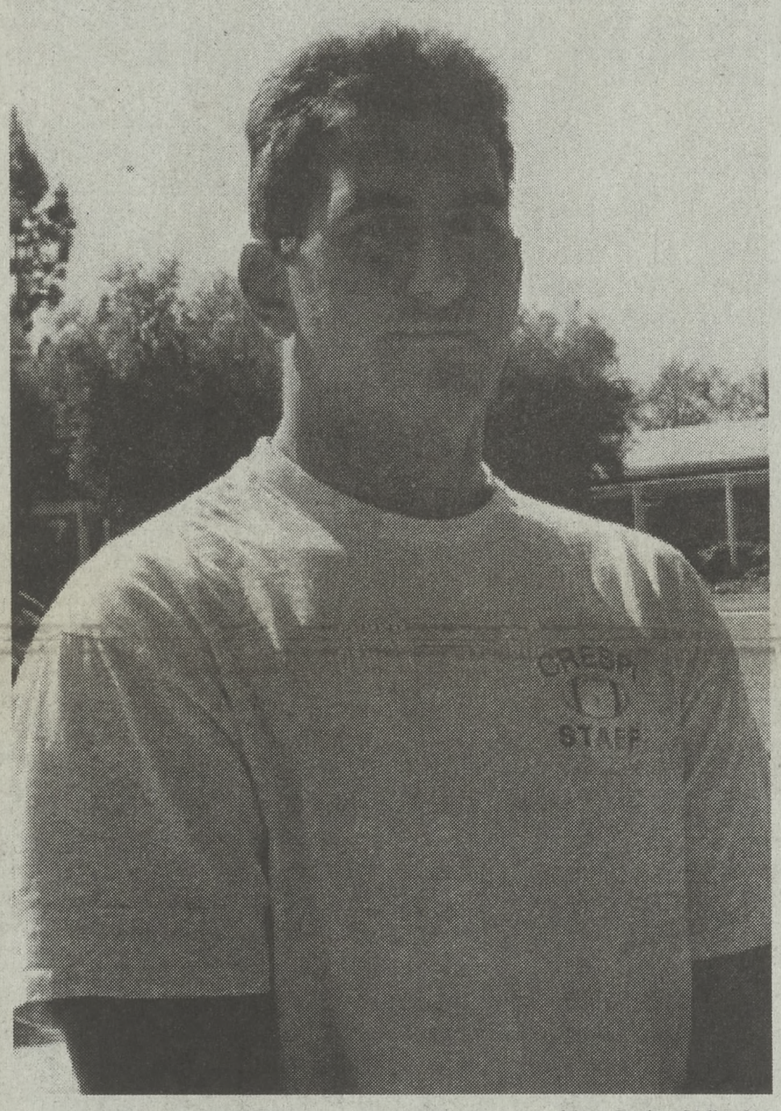
Freshman Princess and Prince, Gabriela Gonzalez and Alberto Mendoza, wave to the crowd during the parade.



Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

Homecoming King Nick Pellegrini, takes a few minutes to reflect on the upcoming game and activities, at the pep rally held Friday befor the game.

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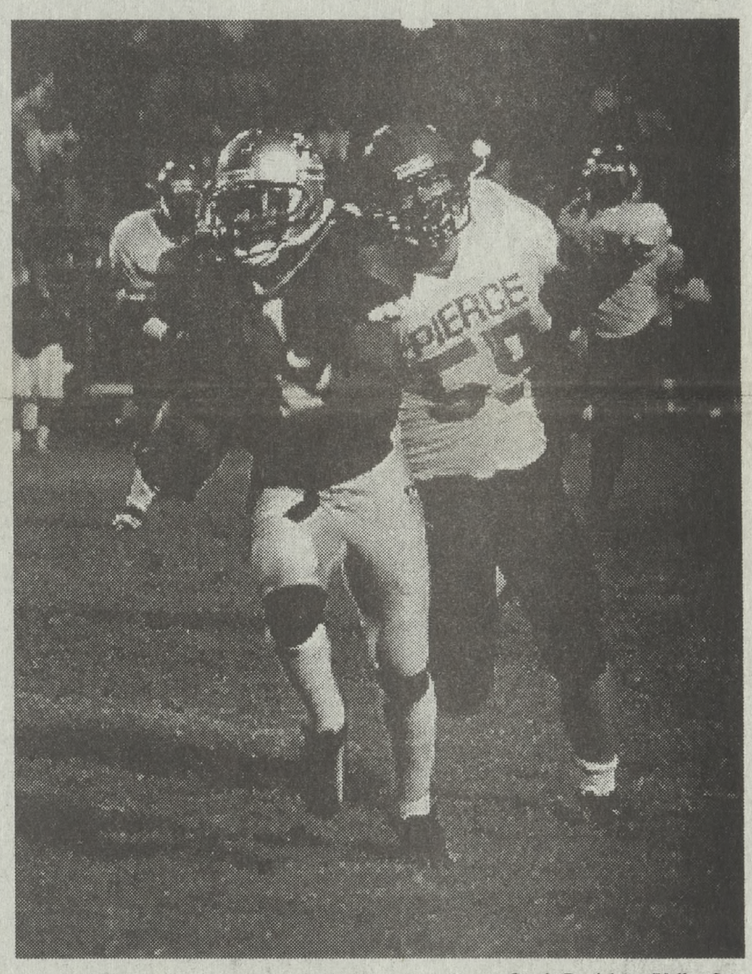
TAE float won third place. The theme was "Island Paradise."



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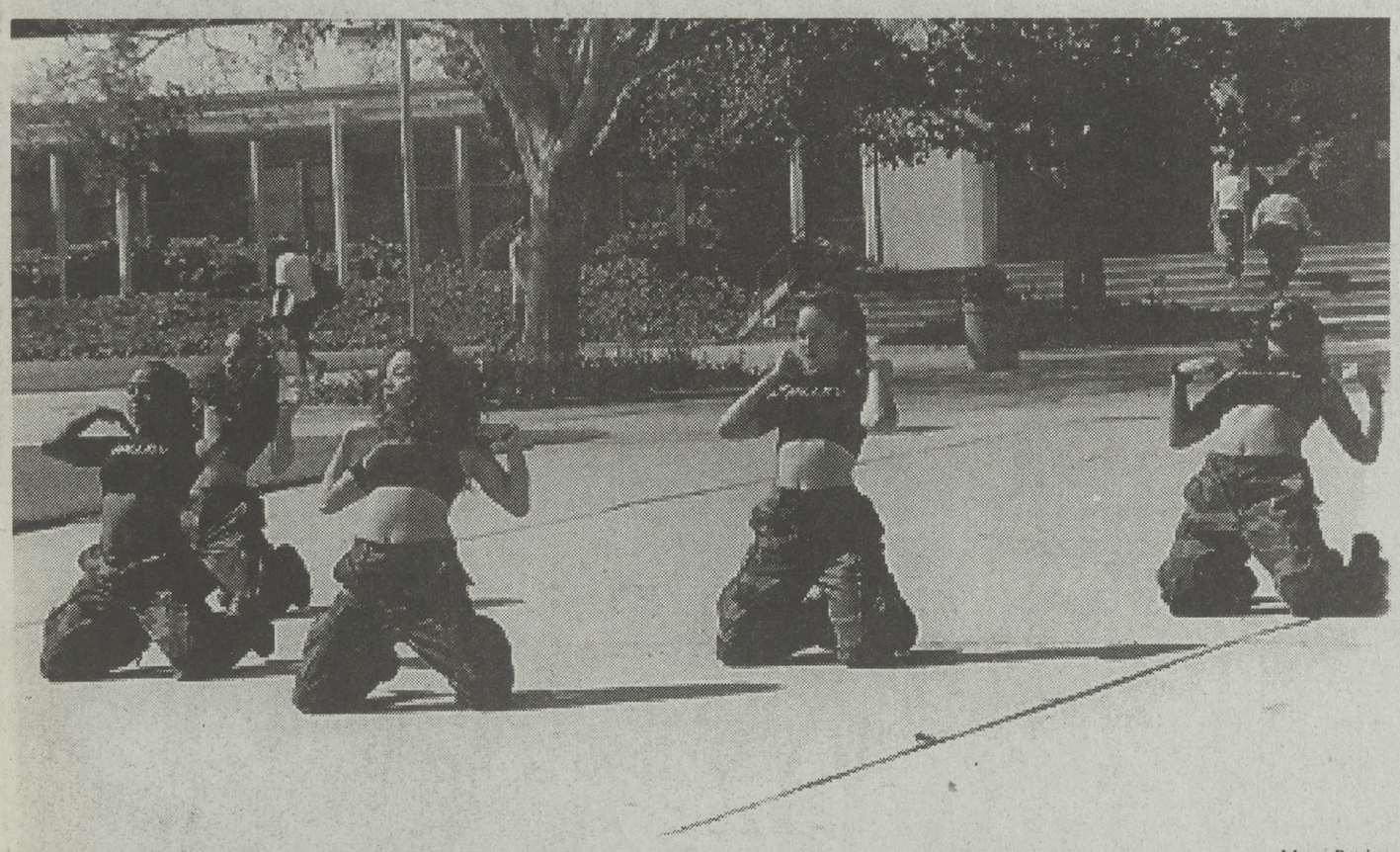
Leaford Hackett breaks away from a Pierce defender. The Monarchs won the game 44-21.



Marcy Petrique

Valley Hip Hop Dancers perform at the pep rally in Monarch Square Friday.

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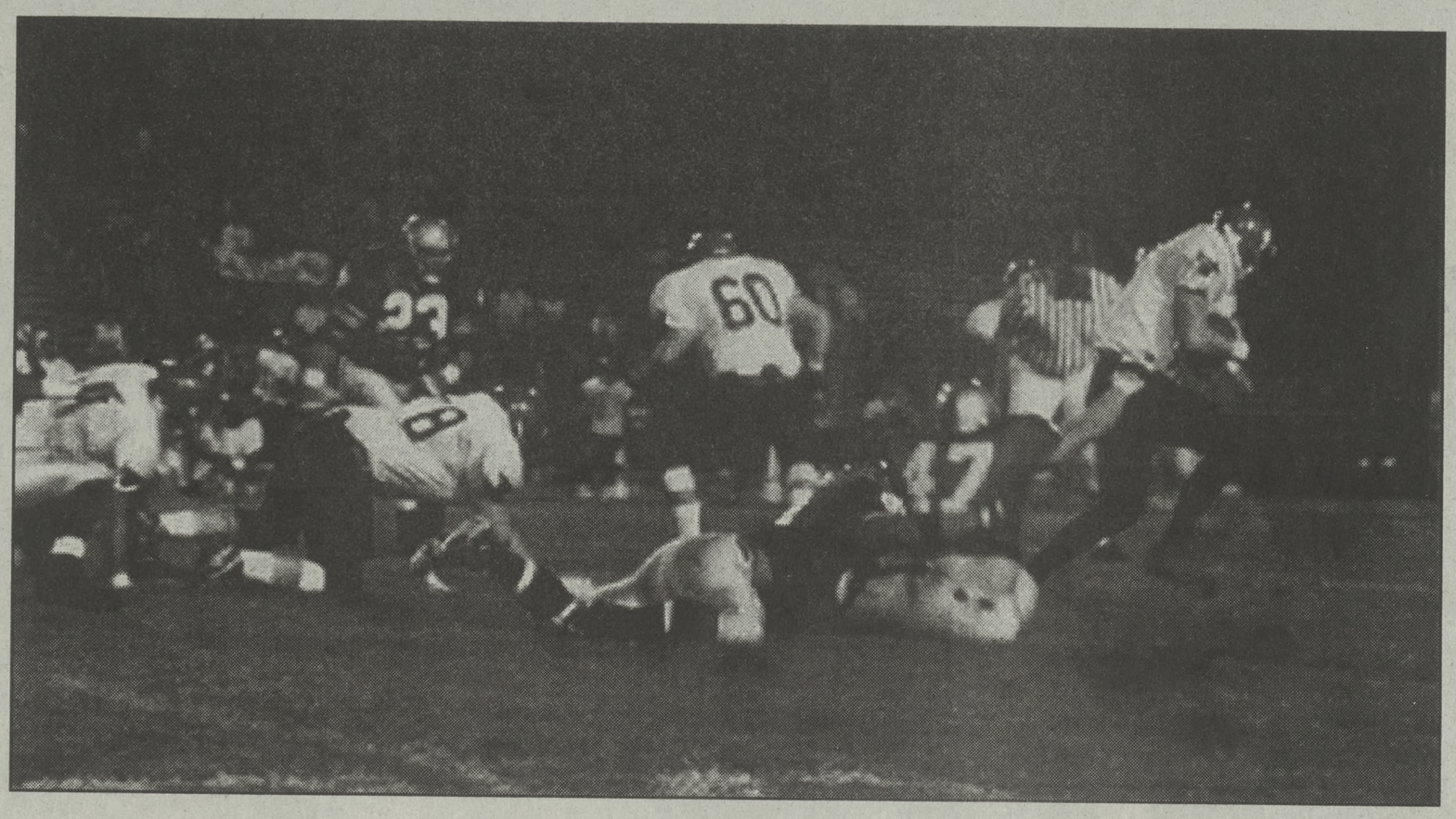
The Phi Theta Kappa float won second place. The theme was"Luau Island of Volcanoes"



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Monarch Defensive end Ryan Hourigan grabs on to a Pierce running back and tries to stop him from getting into the endzone. On the night, the Monarch defense was successful allowing only three Pierce touchdowns.

Monarchs Hand Pierce Twenty-Third Straight Loss

By BEN ALTER
STAR REPORTER

The Monarch football team handed the Pierce College Brahmas another loss to add to their long losing streak.

Over the last three seasons, the Brahmas had lost 22 straight games and they were trying to end that losing streak against the Monarchs. Well, the Monarchs did not let that happen.

"They came out here to win," said Marcel Desir. "They wanted their first win of the season and we didn't want that to happen."

The first half was a close one as the Monarchs went into the locker room with a 16-14 lead over Pierce.

The Monarchs scored three times in the half, the first one coming when Tom Racius completed a 27-yard pass to Randall Lane for a touchdown, with Fernando Arias making the point after the attempt.

Arias then put the next points on the scoreboard when he kicked a 32-yard field goal to make the score 10-0.

The Brahmas came back shortly after when they scored a touchdown on a six-yard run.

The Monarchs then returned the favor when running back Armone Lochard took off down the field and scored a touchdown on a 72-yard run.

Pierce closed the second half with a 23-yard touchdown reception.

When they returned to the field, they proved that they are a second half team by dominating the Brahmas 28-7 in the second half.

A 22-yard touchdown reception to Leaford Hackett opened up the second half and started the Monarchs on their way to victory.

Racius threw two more touchdowns passes in that quarter to make the score 37-14.

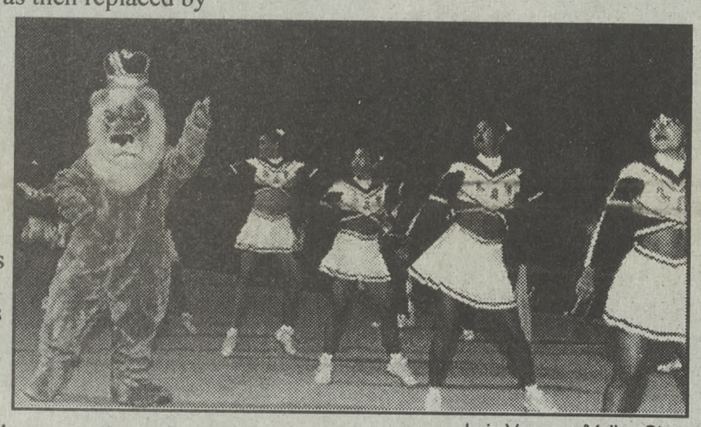
To close the quarter, the Brahmas put their final points of the game on the board to make the score 37-21.

In the fourth quarter, Racius threw his fifth and final touchdown of the game. It was a 20-yard pass to Lane, for Lane's second touchdown of the game. Racius was then replaced by Todd McLean.

Racius finished the game completing 27 of his 37 pass attempts for a total of 425 yards and five touchdowns.

The game was a showcase for quarter backs as five different quarterbacks threw 102 passes for 864 yards.

"I was a little disappointed about with our first half performance on both sides of the ball," Coach Gary Barlow said. "But I'm proud of the guys, the way they came out in the second half and took control of the game."



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Kingsley gets down with the Monarch cheerleaders at the homecoming game.

OPINION

Steroid Abuse Among Athletes

By BEN ALTER
STAR REPORTER

It makes me more competitive.

Don't give me that garbage. There is no excuse for abusing steroids.

All I have to do is give you one example to prove that. Michael Jordan, need I say more? The man is considered not only the greatest basketball player of his time, but of all time. Have any of you ever heard about him using steroids? I don't think so.

I know there is always the argument that he is Jordan and not everyone can be Jordan, but how did he become Jordan. Through hard work and determination, not illegal substances.

Don't users think about the consequences, like weakened muscle tissues, possible sterility and chemical imbalances in the brain? These chemical imbalances are what cause "roid rages". For those of you who don't know what roid rages are, that's what they call it when an abuser goes into a rage.

Getting back to the idea of a competitive advantage, yeah, steroids might give you a competitive advantage initially, but what about the long run? The average user's professional career only lasts for a few years.

Why is that? Well, maybe because steroids cause internal damage to the muscles, tissues and joints of the human body.

If you want that competitive advantage, work for it. Exercise, practice and eat properly. Take care of your body as if it werea shrine.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not accusing anyone on this campus of abusing, but there is a problem out there that we have to look out for.

Keeping off steroids isn't the only thing we can do about the steroid problem, but we have to watch out for others. Make sure your friends, family and teammates aren't using.

Steroids are destroying the integrity of professional sports as well as amateur sports and I do not like it.

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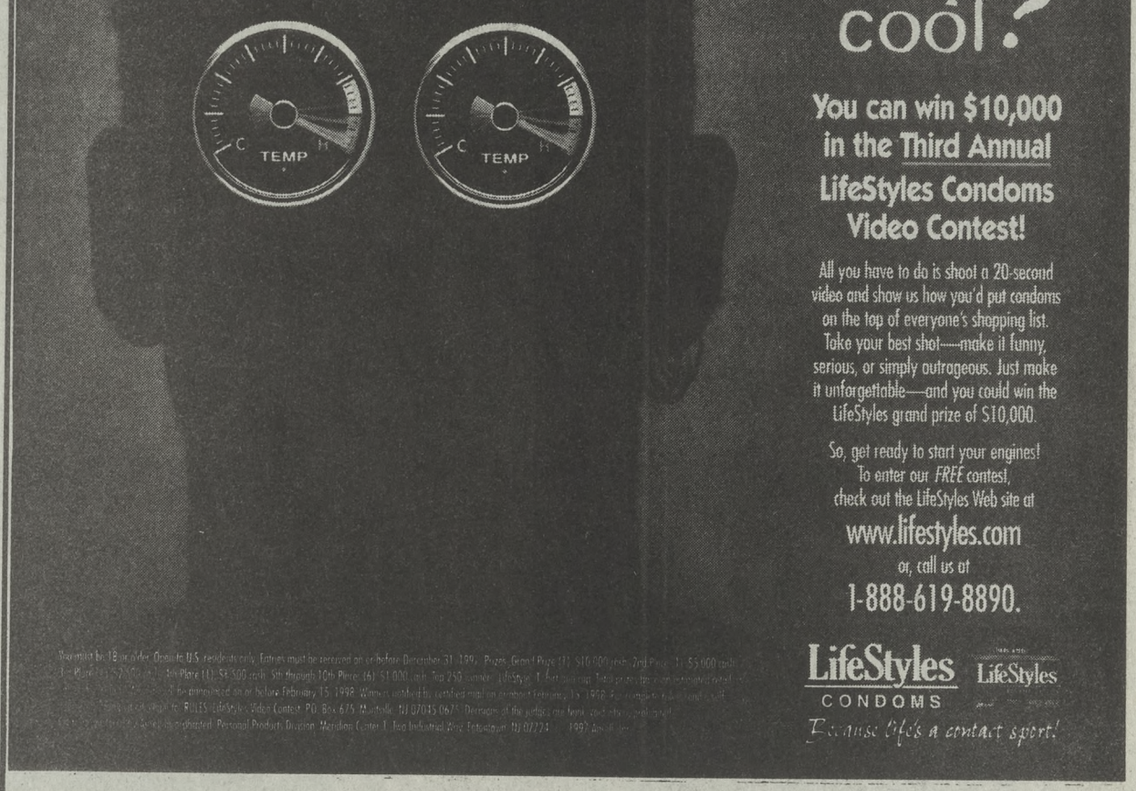
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